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MR. JONATHAN DOLL COMMISSIONER FOR PATENT USPTO

RE: PROPOSED RULES CHANGE CONTINUATION RULES

DEAR COMMISSIONER DOLL:

AS AN AMERICAN, A PRIVATE INDUSTRY PRODUCT DEVELOPER AND INVENTOR I AM VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE RULES CHANGES BEING CONSIDERED BY THE USPTO.

AS AN INDEPENDENT INVENTOR IT CAN BE A TREMENDOUS PERSONAL DRAIN TO DEVELOP AND FUND PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT. I BELIEVE THAT MANY OF MY PRODUCTS CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE AMERICAN CONSUMER AND ECONOMY. HOWEVER, WITH THE INCREASED COST AND LIMITATIONS THAT THIS RULES CHANGE WOULD CREATE, WILL DISINCENTIFY INNOVATION IN AMERICA.

MY PERSONAL OPINION IS THAT THE USPTO SHOULD BE HELPING AMERICANS INNOVATE AND BRING PRODUCTS TO MARKET. THAT GOAL WILL HELP AMERICA, AMERICANS AND STRENGTHEN AMERICA'S PLACE IN THE WORLD. AGAIN, I BELIEVE THIS PROPOSED RULE CHANGE WILL WORK AGAINST THAT END.

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE PROPOSE RULES WILL RESULT NOT ONLY ADVERSELY AFFECT ME, BUT WILL ALSO ADVERSELY AFFECT OTHERS AS SOME NOVEL INVENTION WILL MOST LIKELY BE ABANDON OR NOT PURSUED. IN EITHER EVENT THE BUREAUCRACY WILL PREVENT THE MARKET FROM DETERMINING THE VALUE OF MY INNOVATIONS.

RATHER THAN THE CHANGING THE CONTINUATION RULES, I WOULD STRONGLY URGE THAT YOU ADDRESS THE REAL PROBLEM WHICH IS THE SHORTAGE OF EXAMINERS. REDIRECTING THE FEES PAID TO THE USPTO TOWARDS TRAINING, SALARIES AND RETENTION WILL GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS CORRECTING THIS PROBLEM AND PROVIDING IMPROVED SERVICE.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND FOR SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF THE AMERICAN INVENTION MACHINE... THE INDEPENDENT INVENTOR.

SINCERELY,

JAMES STAVOE INDEPENDENT INVENTOR